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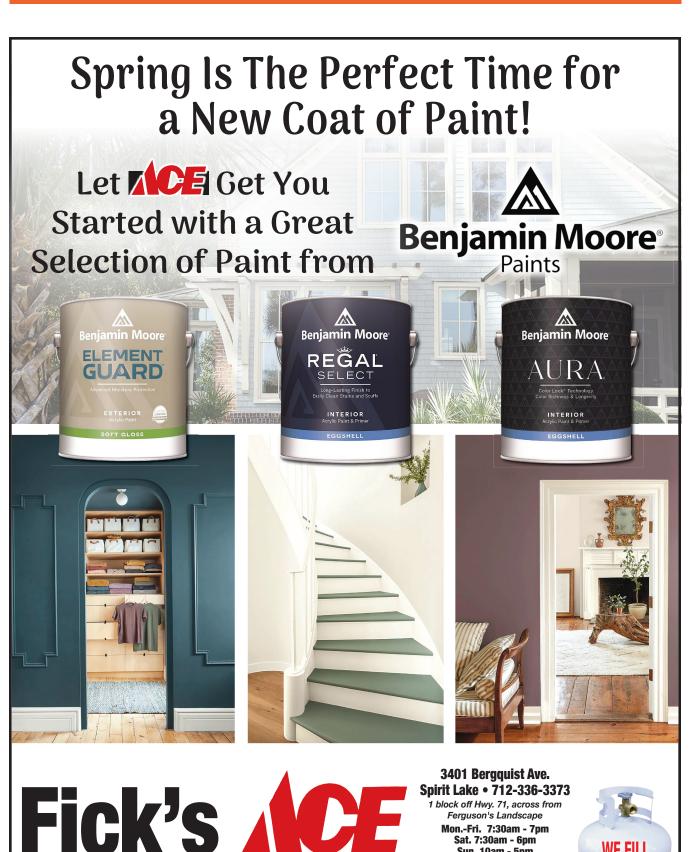
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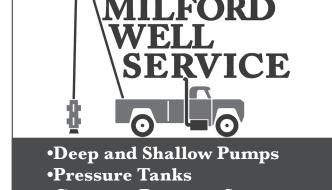




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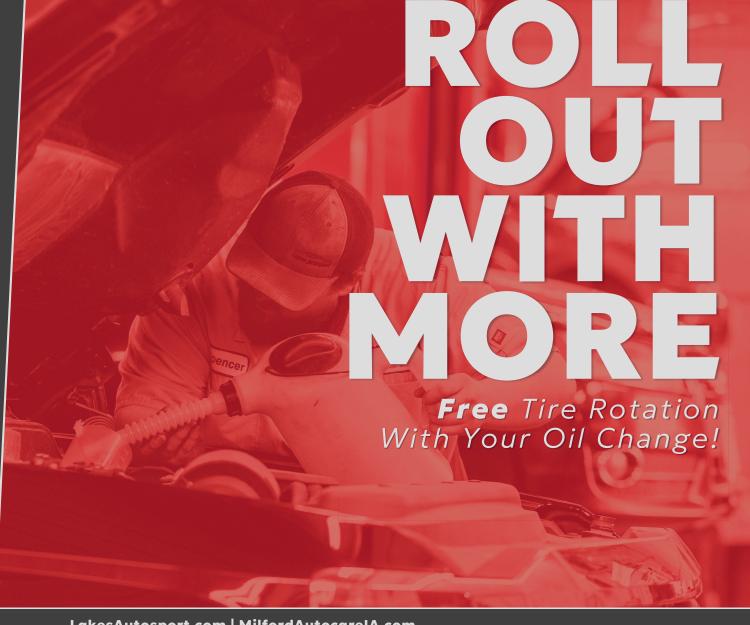




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Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championship in Spirit Lake

Last call to enter your children in to the Live Healthy Youth Track Meet scheduled for Friday, May 16th. The Spirit Lake Noon Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring and hosting the 2025 Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships again this year. All area boys and girls ages 7-12 (age as of 12/31/2025) are invited to participate. First and second place athletes in the meet will advance to the state championships in Clear Lake on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Registrations will only be accepted online until May 9, 2025 at livehealthyiowakidstrack.org . No late registrations will be accepted.

Events will include the 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 4 x 100 meter relay, standing long jump, and softball throw.

The Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships event was founded in 2015 to continue on the tradition of the Hershey® Track and Field Games in Iowa. Like its predecessor, the Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships is a free, state wide event that requires no special equipment to participate. The mission of the Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships is to provide a quality recreation program where children have fun and are introduced to physical fitness through track and field events without financial barriers.

If you have additional questions, please contact Kiley Zankowski at slnoonkiwanis@gmail.com







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### Jepsen Celebrates 106th Birthday

Happy Birthday to Esther E. Jepsen, who will turn 106 on May 17th.

Birthday greetings may be sent to Esther at 1819 23rd Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360. No gifts please.

### Kiwanis Bingo Nights

Milford Kiwanis presents Bingo Nights on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next Bingo Nights will be Thursday, May 8 & 22, 2025. Card sales begin at 5:30 and Bingo is from 6:00-8:00. A meal will be provided by the VFW Auxiliary for just \$7.00. The Spirit Lake VFW is located at 914 Lake Street. Bingo profits support Milford youth needs, programs,

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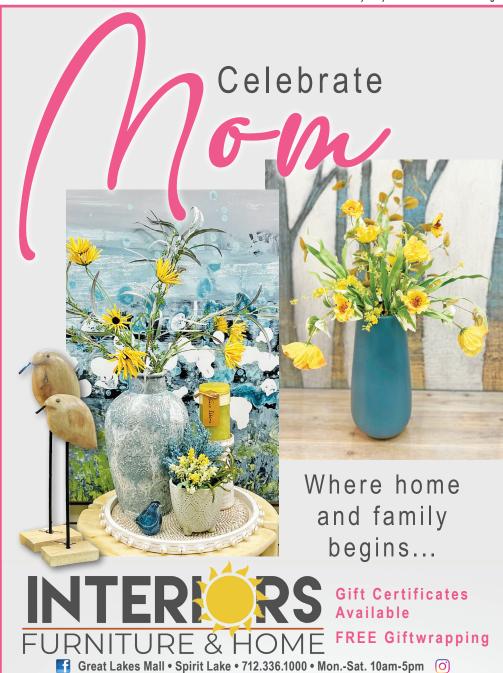
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### **Activities at** the LASC

Tuesday, May 6 8:30 - Kiwanis 12:00 - Dinner Date 12:30 - Dinner Date Speaker Nature Center: "Guess Who", the Mammals Version. Come experience nature with Danika and her mammal friends! 12.30 - Bridge

Wednesday, May 7 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date Thursday, May 8 10:00 - Strummers 12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - 500 Cards 3:00 - Cribbage 4:00 - Zumba Class Friday, May 9 9:00 - Exercise Class 12:00 - Dinner Date Saturday, May 10 Dining Room Reserved Sunday, May 11

Card Room Reserved -Happy Mother's Day Monday, May 12 9:00 - Exercise 12:00 - Dinner Date 1:00 - Pinochle Club

Dinner Date meals are available every weekday. Individuals can call by 1:00 PM on Friday to reserve a meal for the following week. People are welcome to join the group every Tuesday for Dinner Date and stay for the program at 12:30 PM with the featured Dinner Date Speaker. The pool table and ping pong room are open every weekday. The card room closes from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM for cleaning. The next Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, June 1, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, with a free will offering. There will be no dance in May. Individuals are invited to join on June 29th to dance to live music with Bill and Jackie. The facility is available to rent most weekends. People can call or visit someone at the office for more details. The Lakes Area Senior/ Activities Center is located at 2101 Zenith Ave in Spirit Lake.



**→ SPECIAL OFFER** 

## Republican Party Meeting

coming involved with the Dickinson County Republican Party? Join the Dickinson County Republican Party at a Central Committee meeting on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 5:30pm. The meeting is held at the Spirit Lake Library meeting room. Please enter through the back side door. The Dickinson County Republican Party looks forward to seeing you.



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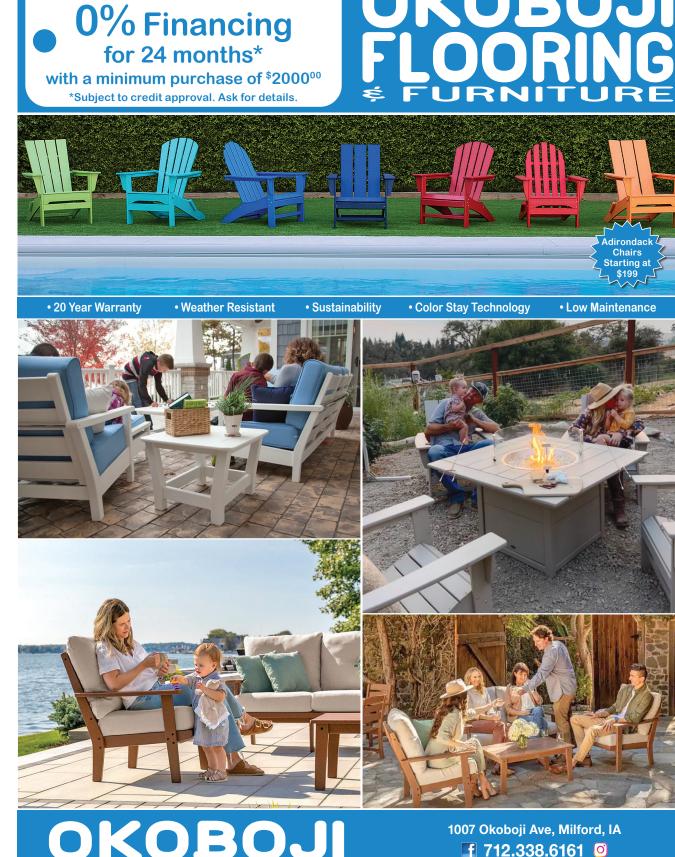
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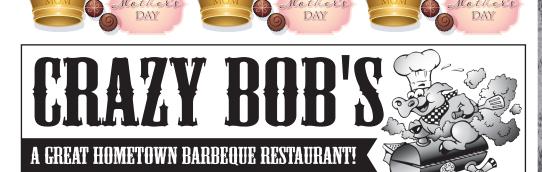




Spirit Lake, IA — Setting the standard for community partnership, Indian Motorcycle teamed up with Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity to help side our newest Habitat home on Thursday,

Indian Motorcycle employees rolled up their sleeves and lent a hand on this important build day! This event was a powerful example of how businesses and individuals can come together to strengthen our communities through service and support.

Thank you to Indian Motorcycle for being a part of something lasting — Setting the Standard with Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity and Indian Motorcycle!



Join us for Mother's Day Brunch! **BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DESSERT BAR** Serving 10am-2pm

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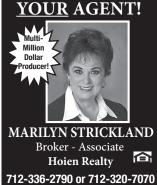
SUNDAY MAY 11TH FROM 10AM TO 1PM RESERVE YOUR TABLE AT HILOCLUB.COM Page 8

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### State Farm & Habitat for Humanity Youth Rain Garden Project

Spirit Lake, IA — Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity is proud to announce a two-part community event thanks to the generosity of State Farm and their Long-Term Disaster Recovery Grant program.

On Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity hosted a Youth Rain Garden Project in collaboration with the Spirit Lake Middle School 5th/6th Grade Builders Club. The project kicked off the construction of a 100-year flood resistant rain garden in downtown Spirit Lake. This vital project is designed to protect two newly built Habitat homes — housing two families and five children — and the surrounding neighborhood of future builds from future flood risks, while also restoring critical natural habitat.

The rain garden was developed through a partnership with Drew Howing, Assistant Professor and Environmental Studies Program Coordinator at Iowa Lakes Community College; Clint Haines of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and Eckard Landscaping. One of Professor Howing's students, under his supervision, designed the project according to NRCS specifications, ensuring long-term environmental sustainability and effective stormwater management. The rain garden will help absorb and filter rainwater runoff, serving as a natural flood defense while supporting native plants and pollinators in the heart of Spirit Lake.

The event will continue with a Public Volunteer Planting Day on Saturday, May 31st. Volunteers of all ages are invited to join Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity and help plant the final wave of native species. This event will offer a fun, educational opportunity to enhance flood resilience while beautifying the community with natural, sustainable landscaping.

We thank State Farm for their outstanding support — because, like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.

Stay tuned to Northwest Iowa Habitat for Humanity's announcements for additional

updates and opportunities to get involved! For more information or to volunteer: 712-363-3479 or northwestiowahabitat@ gmail.com.











### Lakes Area Senior/Activities Center

- Activities Dinner Date Events Exercise Cards
- Pool Music Speakers Great Conversations

### **SPEAKER ON TUESDAYS at 12:30pm**

• May 6: Nature Center- "Guess Who" The mammals version. Come experience nature with Danika & mammal friends!

• May 13: Keelson Harbour- Overview of amenities and services with Joel McCartan.

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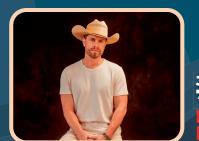
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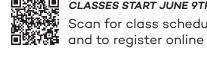
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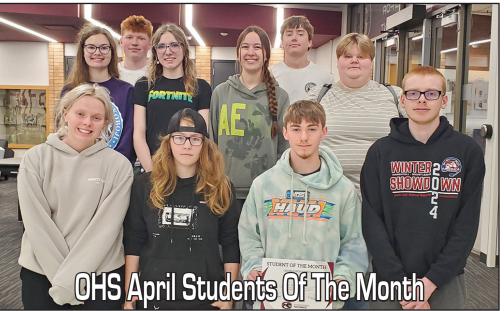
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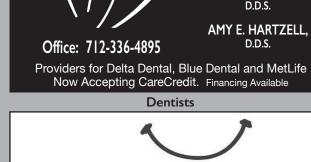
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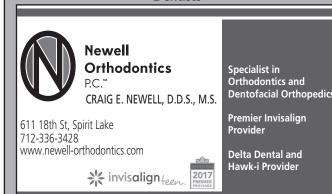
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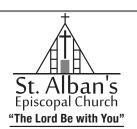
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Dickinson County's Family Resource Guide is a comprehensive free resource for local residents to utilize when trying to locate services in and around the county. With a variety of services and help providers listed, the book is a one-stopshop to locate local resources. To access the free guide online, visit https://www.extension. iastate.edu/dickinson/countyresource-guide. If you have services to add to the guide, contact Sue at 712-336-3488 or boettche@iastate.edu.



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### Lakes Area Dementia and Caregiver Cafe

If you are a caregiver for someone with dementia, the Lakes Area Dementia and Caregiver Cafe is designed for you. It is a place and time for you and your loved one to socialize in a comfortable location and meet others in a similar situation. Entertainment, social time and refreshments are included in this free event. Entertainment this month is the Infinity quartet from the Spirit of Harmony, you will enjoy their music.

This no cost Cafe is held at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, starting at 10:00am and ending at 11:30. Please call 712-336-1649 for more information.

### **Milford Memorial Library Youth News**

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Join MML for our weekly Building Bookworms Storytime on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Take a look below for our themes. All materi-

als and services are provided by the library free to participants. All kids and their adults are welcome to stay after storytime and mingle. For more information contact the

library or check out our Facebook page.

• May 12, 10:30 a.m. – How Does Your Garden Grow?

• May 19, 10:30 a.m. – Cluck, Cluck You're in Luck!

• May 26 – No Building Bookworms Storytime Join us at Milford Memorial Library for CrAFTER Hours on

Wednesday, May 21, at 5:00 p.m. This month we will be making Citrus Tea Towels. The cost for this project is \$5. Register by calling Milford Memorial Library. On Tuesday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m., any interested individuals

are welcome to join the Milford Memorial Library Book Club to discuss Someone We Know by Shari Lapena. Copies can be found at MML. It is not necessary to attend all of the meetings, and you are welcome to come and go as you please. Get ready to level up your summer reading game! Join Mil-

ford Memorial Library, Arnolds Park Library, and Spirit Lake Public Library on May 28 at the Milford Pioneer Theatre for the 2025 Summer Reading Program kick off! Catch The Super Mario Bros. at 10:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Don't forget to bring two non-perishable food items to receive a free popcorn! Other concession stand items will be available at your cost.

Incoming 4th graders through outgoing 12th grades are invited to enter the Amazing Library Race. Pick up a race passport from one of the participating libraries: Milford, Arnolds Park, and Spirit Lake Libraries. Visit 12 local spots, earn prizes, and enter at chance to win at Nintendo Switch with a completed passport. This race will be going from Wednesday, May 28, through Monday, June 30. This 2025 Summer Reading Program activity is sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Library, Friends of the Spirit Lake Library, and the Friends of the Arnolds Park Public Library.



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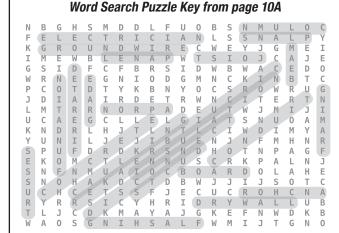
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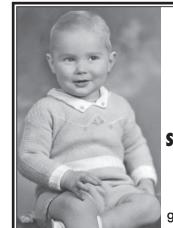


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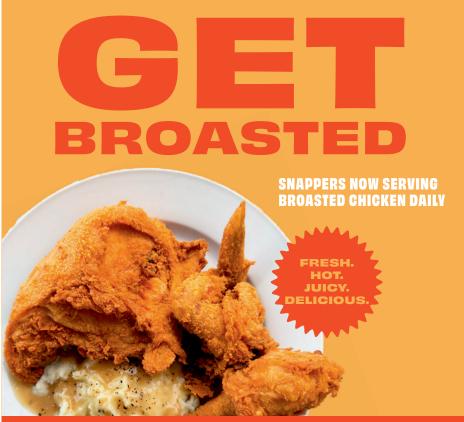
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and Dawn Ingvaldson from Albert Lea, MN did just that! Dawn caught the tagged Walleye on Big Spirit Lake on Saturday, around 2am and brought it to Stan's Bait & Tackle where it was confirmed! This annual kickoff event brought heaviest fish categories.

individuals of varying ages from 21 different states to see what our area has to offer. We would like to congratulate and thank everyone who was involved in the efforts that went into weekend.

Thank you to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for assisting in the tagging and releasing of the 10 walleye. A huge thank you to our sponsors: City of Arnolds Park, Oak Hill Outdoor, Okoboji Gas Company, Pure Fishing and Fisherman's Factory Outlet, The River Coaching, Explore Okoboji, Walker Insurance, and Mediacom. An additional thank you to all of the bait shops and weigh-in stations that we are fortunate enough to work with

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We also want to thank over 70 of our member businesses who donated a variety of items and prize packages to be given out during our Awards Luncheon. And a big thank you to Pure Fishing for generously donating over \$3,500 in prizes for our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the

Thank you to the dedicated Iowa Navy Commodores and other volunteers for their time spent registering participants late into the night on Friday and additional help at the Awards Luncheon on Sunday.

Thank you to ALL of you for taking part in the 43rd Annual Walleye Weekend. To find out more about Walleye Weekend and this year's results, "LIKE" us on Facebook or visit www.okobojichamber.com.

Nearly 100 registered anglers joined in on the return of our Biggest Walleye Contest put on through the Fish Donkey

App sponsored by Boji Powersports with 30 large fish submissions. First place went to Jordan Birchard of Spencer, with a large fish of 27.75" worth \$375. Second and third place fish followed from Blake Mulder of Spirit Lake, IA (26.75") worth \$225 and Nathan DeMuth of Milford, IA

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- 1st Place: Chris Daisy of Spirit Lake, IA with 12.85
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- Heaviest Stringer of (5) Panfish
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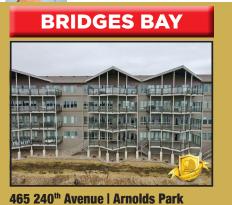
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The Milford RAGBRAI committee is looking to raise \$50,000 to help cover expenses. Sponsorship levels include Chain Reaction Presenting Sponsor (\$5,000), Gear Grinder Sponsor (\$2,500), Spoke Sponsor (\$1,000), and Kickstand Sponsor (\$500). Each of these sponsorship levels will get recognition throughout the time leading up to Milford RAGBRAI overnight and during the event. Examples of recognition include name or logo on town shirts, newspaper advertisement, billboard advertisement, social media/website presence mentions and vinyl signs.

For those wanting to sponsor Milford RAGBRAI in one of these ways, reach out to Brad Simington at Farmers Savings Bank (bsimington@fsbfostoria.com) or Susan Reiser at St. Joseph Catholic Church (sjoffice@thelakescatholic.church).

For those wanting to help Milford RAGBRAI in other ways, we are still running our "Adopt A Port-a-Potty" fundraiser. Port-a-potties are available for \$25 each and you will get to put a photo and/or message on the port-a-potty. We will also have more news soon about volunteer opportunities for those wanting to support Milford RAGBRAI with their time.

For those wanting to reach out to the Milford RAGBRAI Committee, please feel free to email milfordragbrai@gmail.com. Follow along with updates on the Milford RAGBRAI Facebook page and Instagram. For more information, go to our website at milfordragbrai.com.

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Applications for these grants are available at the West Volunteer Desk at Lakes Regional Healthcare, 2323 Highway 71, Spirit Lake, Iowa, Monday-Friday (8 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.) Applications must be returned by May 15, 2025, to Cheryl Houseman, 3205 Prairie Meadow Drive, Milford, IA 51351. The recipients will be notified by May 30, 2025. If you have any questions regarding this grant, contact Cheryl Houseman at 712/209-3177.





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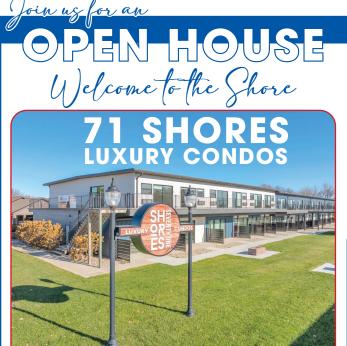


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## A New Chapter Takes Flight: The Hengeveld Family Soars into Ownership of Leading Edge Aviation

Spencer, Iowa – May 1, 2025 – The skies over Spencer have a new dynamic as the Hengeveld family - Jon, Lisa, and their daughter Areeya - officially took the reins of Leading Edge Aviation

on March 1st, 2025. This acquisition marks an exciting new era for the full-service Fixed Base Operator (FBO) located at the Northwest Iowa Regional Airport (1957 330th Street, Spencer, Iowa), a vital gateway to the Spencer community and the popular Iowa Great Lakes / Lake Okoboji region.

For Jon and Lisa Hengeveld, this venture represents a lifelong passion taking flight. Expressing their deep gratitude, the couple acknowledged Randy, Jon's mentor, and Marcia for entrusting them with this significant opportunity. The Hengeveld family is eager to collaborate with the dedicated employees and valued customers of Leading Edge Aviation, envisioning continued growth and success for the company.

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**Summer Reading Program: Coming Soon!** by Jill Jennings

The countdown has begun for the last day of school and the first day of the Summer Reading Program! The SRP kicks off at the Spirit Lake Public Library on Tuesday, May 27th, with a full schedule of summer events, activities and, of course, reading books!

First, we need to talk about how the Summer Reading Program actually happens every year. One very important element is support from the community. Many businesses, families, and individuals sponsor the SRP by making a monetary donation or a donation of incentive prizes for the readers. If you or your business or organization would like to become a sponsor of the Summer Reading Program at Spirit Lake this summer, please reach out to us by calling 712-336-2667 or emailing kids@ spiritlakelibrary.org.

Another support for our Summer Reading Program is the Friends of the Library group. It's very easy to join: just log onto our website at slpublib.com, and click on the Friends of the Library tab. The Friends help financially, but they also give of their time by assisting with events. The Friends group is not just for adults; we would welcome high schoolers, as well!

This year's theme for the SRP is "Level Up at Your Library," which means all things gaming! We have lots of new events and activities scheduled, along with favorites, like Outdoor Endeavors, from previous years. If you want to stay informed as plans develop, go to the Children Resources tab on our website, and click on Summer Reading. Stay tuned; there is more to come!

Remember to check out the bargain book sale in the Community Room (only \$2 per bag). I just turned over almost everything on those shelves! It's mostly adult regular print and children's books.

SLPL staff reading spotlight: Seattle is currently reading A Stolen Life by Jaycee Dugard.

Upcoming activities at SLPL:

• Monday, May 12, 10:30 a.m., Story Time

• Monday, May 12, 1-3 p.m., Mah-Jongg

• Tuesday, May 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Quilters • Tuesday, May 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Children's Chess • Tuesday, May 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Chess All-Play

• Wednesday, May 14, 10:30 a.m., Page Turners Book Club (Dead Wake by Erik Larson)

• Wednesday, May 14, 12:30-4 p.m., Quilters • Thursday, May 15, 1-3 p.m., Mah-Jongg





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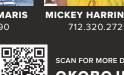
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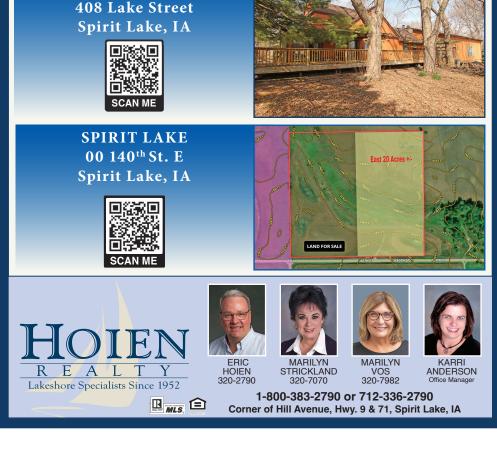
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### NBA Playoffs are Must-See TV

I don't watch much NBA basketball during the regular season for several reasons; number one is I'd much rather watch my Iowa State Cyclones and college basketball, and number two is the NBA regular season drags on way too long (82 games), where you get teams playing four games a week and guys just are not playing hard every game. Playoff basketball, however, is a much different beast and is very comparable to college conference games, where every game matters and the atmosphere at these games is unbelievable. We are now at the semifinal stage for the Eastern and Western Conferences, which is when things get really interesting and the matchups get even more intense. In the Eastern Conference, the #4 seed Indiana Pacers own a 1-0 lead over the #1 seed Cleveland Cavaliers after a surprising 121-112 win in Cleveland on Sunday night. The other Eastern Conference Semifinal starts on Monday night and features the #3 seed New York Knicks vs. the #2 seed and defending NBA champion Boston Celtics. The Western Conference semifinals feature the #1 seed and overall team with the best record, Oklahoma City Thunder, facing the #4 seed Denver Nuggets on Monday night. The #6 seed Minnesota Timberwolves will host the #7 seed Golden State Warriors on Tuesday night, as both teams upset higher seeds in the first round with the T-Wolves knocking out the Lakers in five games and the Warriors taking out the Rockets in a seven-game thriller.

The series I will watch the closest are the Pacers-Cavs and the Timberwolves-Warriors. The Pacers-Cavs series piques my interest due to former Cyclone and Olympian Tyrese Haliburton being a key player for the Pacers. Haliburton hit the game winner to send the Pacers to the semifinals over the Bucks in the first round and then had the controversy surrounding his dad's reaction on the court to Bucks' star Giannis Antetokounmpo. Antetokounmpo and Tyrese Haliburton both handled the unfortunate situation extremely well, and Haliburton then played very well in the Pacers' opening win over Cleveland, scoring 22 points while handing out 13 assists. I'm also excited for the Timberwolves-Warriors series because I'm a Timberwolves fan and I also like watching Steph Curry play. I love watching Anthony Edwards and the T-Wolves, and feel like they are playing as well as any team in the NBA at this time of the year, and any time you get to watch Curry, who I think is one of the NBA all-time greats, play is an added bonus!

As the weather turns nicer, it is harder to sit inside and watch these games, but the nice part of the weekday games is that most of them are later at night, and even the weekend games are usually on at primetime. Since my Twins are still underachieving, although they did just take two of three from the Red Sox, the playoffs give Michelle and me something to watch at night, as she'd much rather watch NBA than the boring Twins! I'd love nothing more than to see a Pacers-Timberwolves NBA Finals, but if I were a betting man, I would put my money on a Thunder-Celtics Final. Let the late spring basketball madness begin!





Dear Tony, How can I get my team to work together better? It seems like we are not working together on common issues, or helping each other as good as I think we could.

High performance teamwork is magic when it you see it or feel it. How to create it on your team is an entirely different matter. Below are a few steps to try with your team to take you and them to the next level.

1. HOW: Talk with your team about "how" you work, not only "what" you are working on. When you meet, certainly work on solving the immediate problems of the day, but also spend time talking about "how" you work and support each other.

**2. INTENT:** Assume good intentions from everyone as they bring up ideas. Ask your team to start with good intent in mind versus the tendency to go negative right away.

**3.COLLABORATION:** Have a goal to try to out-collaborate each other. Always think how you can help each other as you solve problems.

**4. CANDOR:** Don't hold "pocket vetos" as you leave the room. If you have an objection to a topic, make sure and bring it up in the room, not after the meeting. Lower the cost of candor on your team by being transparent with each other.

**5. HOMEWORK:** Do the homework necessary to succeed. Always come prepared. You owe this to everyone and to yourself. Make sure everyone does this on your team.

6. LANGUAGE: Use "we" language instead of "I" language as a leader. Constantly reinforce that you exist as a high-performance team, and in the most challenging of times, its "we" who are required to work together, not just a collection of independent individual efforts.

**7. TIME:** Spend time with each other. Visit customers, go to lunch, or find creative ways to get to know each other. As a leader, find ways for your team to gel by solving hard problems or rising up to meet the task at hand.

**8. INCENTIVES:** Be mindful about rewards, recognition, and incentives. If you incent individualism, you will grow more of this. If you reward teamwork and your metrics reflect team accomplishments, you will grow more teamwork.

**9. TRUST:** Build trust through accountability and follow-up on key commitments. Ensure there are good deliberations prior to making a decision. When decisions are made, follow-up and ensure things get done.

**10. INSPECT:** Every once in awhile stop and ask "What's Working?", "What's not working?". Allow everyone to have a voice in the conversation. Make changes, adapt, evolve.

By applying these tips you will be on your way to building a strong team that does amazing things in the world. Somewhere along the way, you will also evolve into the leader you were

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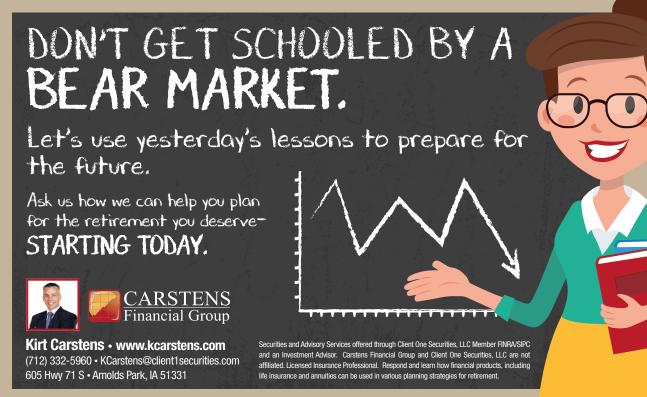
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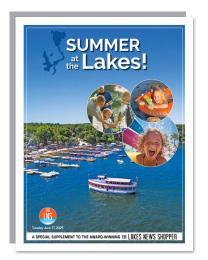


### City of Arnolds Park Salvaged Pavers for Sale

The City of Arnolds Park is selling salvaged pavers from the 1999 Highway 71 project. There are approximately 25 sets of 24" x 24" pavers available with four different designs. The cost of the pavers are \$150 each or a set of four for \$500. They are available on a first come first serve basis, contact City Hall for further information at 712-332-2341.



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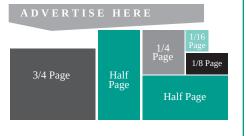
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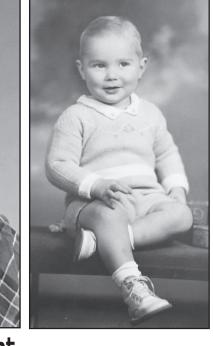












### 90th Birthday Announcement

Come celebrate with Don and his family Sunday, May 18th, from 2:00 - 4:00pm, at the Heritage Landing, 1305 Jeppeson RD, Milford, Iowa.

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## ILUUF Presents Program on Our Uncivil Cultural Wars

The Iowa Lakes Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (ILUUF) will present a program titled "Our Uncivil Cultural Wars." Led by Allan Saugstad, the program will take place on Sunday, May 11th. Attendees are invited to join for coffee and conversation at 9:30 am, with the engaging program commencing at 10:00 am.

ILUUF services are regularly held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at the Lakes Area Activity (Senior) Center, situated at 2101 Zenith Avenue in Spirit Lake. Those attending can anticipate thought-provoking discussions, guest speakers, music, and the company of people from diverse ages and backgrounds.

Unitarian Universalism (UUism) is described as a liberal religious tradition that arose from the unification of Unitarianism and Universalism. It places importance on theological diversity, inclusivity, and social justice, emphasizing shared values and principles over a singular creed. Further details about their progressive and welcoming fellowship can be found at www. UUOkoboji.com. Individuals of all ages are welcome.



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### LAKES NEWS Auction Calendar

Thurs., May 8 – Online only (closing at 5:00pm) farm equipment auction. Auctioneers: Hallberg Auction. 1-800-373-2255. www. hallbergauction.com.

Sat., May 10 – Large coin auction in Spirit Lake. Auctioneers: Toering. 1-712-230-0238.

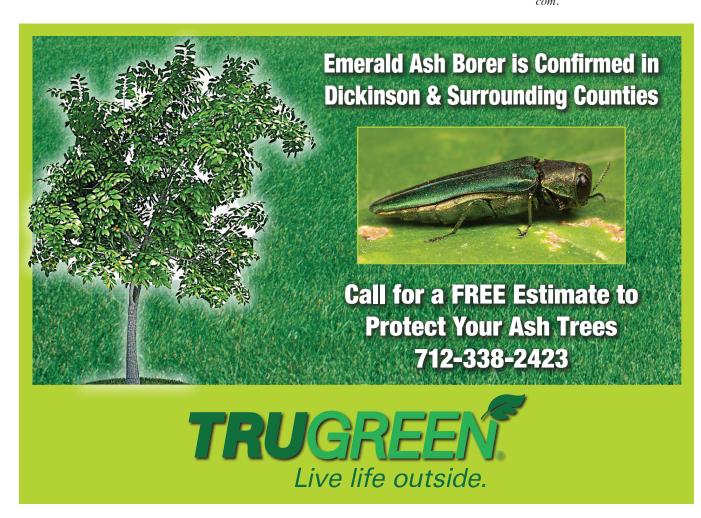
Tues., June 3 – 9:00 AM—Consignment auction in Armstrong. Auctioneers: Howells & Helmers. 712-260-9690. www.howellreal-estateandauction.com.

**Wed., June 4 –** Online only farm acreage auction (10.16 acres). Auctioneers: Vander Werffs, Hattermann & Mouw.712-729-3264. *www.vw72.com*.

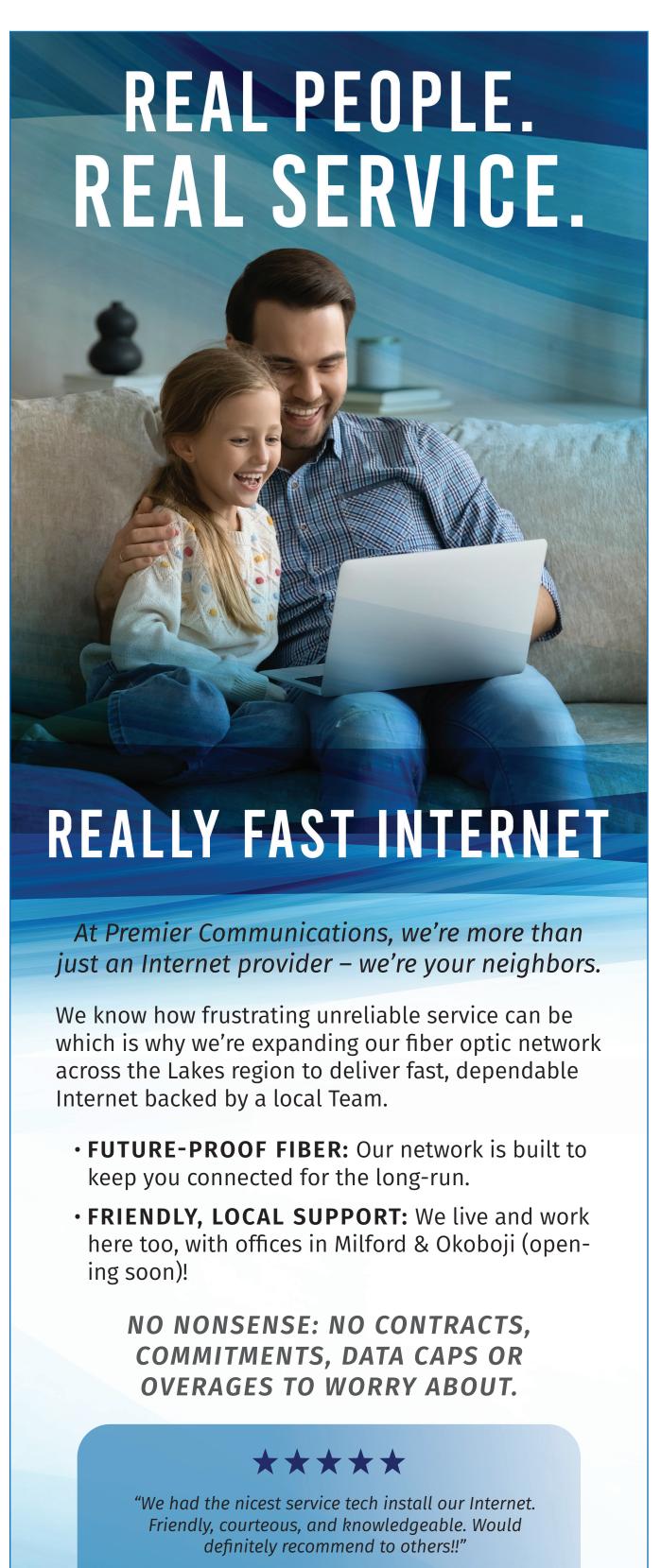
Tues., June 10 – 10:00 AM–145.36 acres at auction in Mallard. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www. midwestlandmanagement.com.

Wed., June 11 – 10:00 AM–155 acres at auction in Hartley. Auctioneers: Midwest Land Management. 712-262-3110. www. midwestlandmanagement.com.

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Come hear about ATLAS and enjoy refreshments while listening to the music of Karina VanWyhe and Martin Mendez.

To learn more about the work ATLAS does in the lakes area, read our ad on the front page of this week's Lakes News Shopper. Donations accepted and appreciated at PayPal: ATLAS of the Lakes or www.lakesatlas.com.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

The Red Cross conducted a blood drive on April 28, at the Senior Center in Spirit Lake and what an improvement from February in spite of the storm predicted. We were able to procure 37 units of blood which was amazing because of the threat of hail, wind, rain and tornadoes all afternoon and people came and gave anyway. I was soooo very proud of all our donors. We had 42 registered, 9 power reds, and 28 whole blood products. We had 4 donors deferred, 2 whole blood products that quantity not sufficient and 8 walk in donors.

Blood cannot be manufactured. We are able to do numerous types of transplants and medical miracles, but blood cannot be humanly made. Thanks to all of you that donated, and you can be sure you have saved a life and sometimes 2.

Thanks to my staff for their volunteer help: Sandi Gilligan, Risa Tracy, Leah Streeter and Cheryl Petersen. I am thankful for willing and helpful volunteers. Thanks also to the Senior Center that hosts us. My volunteers were there working and hoping their car was not going to get hail.

The Red Cross will return on June 23 so please consider making an appointment for that day. Please listen to KUOO and watch the Lakes News Shopper for details. An appointment can be made on line at *RedCrossBlood.org* or 800-733-2767.

Karen Dokken, Chairman.





Mr. Darrel Madagan, age 75, of Scottsboro, Alabama, went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Darrel was born on September 29, 1949, to the late

After growing up on a rural farm in Iowa and upon graduating high school in 1968, Darrel joined the United States Navy in which he served and retired as an aviation machinist mate. He then retired with a 34 year career from the Stevenson

John and Elva Madagan in Spirit



EMT responder. Darrel's greatest joys in life were, being a follower of Christ, spending time with his family, being an active member of 24 years at Trinity Baptist Church, serving others, building CASA ramps, being a member of VFW Post 6073, and his joy for food and fellowship.

Darrel is survived by his wife, Ruth Madagan; sons, John David Angie) Madagan, and Josh (Katherine) Thompson; grandchildren, Kaleigh Madagan, Ashleigh (Chance) Pepper, Thackery Thompson and grandbaby number four John Porter Thompson due in June; great-grandchildren, Ian Madagan, and great grandbaby number two Greyson Madagan due in June; sisters, Virginia Moore, Lola (Marlin) Kness, and Carol Stephens; brother, Dean (Thelma) Madagan. He also leaves many cousins, nieces, nephews, other family members, and also friends who will sadly miss him.

Darrel was preceded in death by his sister and brothers-in-law: Betty (Jerry) Moore, Lee Moore and Harold Stephens; father and mother-in-law, Irvin and Mary Lancaster.

Services will be held at Trinity Baptist Church of Scottsboro with Pastor Duaine Griggs officiating on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 2 PM, with visitation from 12-2. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to CASA of Jackson County, an organization Darrel was passionate about and helped participate in building ramps with. Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

### **\_RH Honors Nurses**

During Nurses Week, May 6-12, 2025, Lakes Regional Healthcare (LRH) proudly celebrates the dedication and compassion of over 130 nurses who care for patients throughout our hospital and community. These professionals provide outstanding care across multiple departments, including Emergency, Inpatient, Critical Care, Obstetrics, Surgery, Oncology, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Home Care and Hospice, and Public Health, ensuring patients receive the highest quality of care at every stage of their healthcare journey.

"Their ability to combine clinical excellence with genuine compassion is inspiring," said LRH Chief Nursing Officer Bryan Williams. "Whether they're providing life-saving interventions in Critical Care, guiding patients through recovery in Cardiac Rehab, or offering comfort to patients and families, our nurses embody the spirit of caregiving that defines our hospital."

The nursing team at LRH represents a diverse group of professionals with specialized skills tailored to the unique needs of each department. In the Surgery Department, nurses ensure seamless procedures and patient safety, while those in Obstetrics help patients navigate the excitement, anxiety, and challenges of labor and delivery and those in Inpatient and Critical Care units provide round-the-clock monitoring and support for acutely ill patients. House Supervisors and Nursing Department Leaders guide nursing teams with dedication and expertise. Nurses in Home Care and Hospice extend care into patients' homes, offering dignity and comfort, while Dickinson County Public Health nurses work to promote wellness and prevent disease throughout

For those interested in a career in the nursing field, job opportunities may also be available at www.lakeshealth.org/careers.

## () bituary

Paul B. Currans, 90, of Spencer passed away on Monday, April 28th at the Spencer Hospital. The visitation was held on Saturday,

May 3, 2025, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spencer, Iowa. The Mass of Christian Burial took place on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spencer, Iowa, and was officiated by Rev. Kevin Richter.

Paul Bernard Currans was born on the Currans family farm in rural Palo Alto County, Iowa, on June 12, 1934, to Salome Antoine Currans and James Henry Currans. Paul, the oldest of 10 siblings, attended a one-room schoolhouse through 8th

grade, then attended Graettinger High School, and graduated from Emmetsburg Catholic High School in 1953. He then attended diesel mechanics training school in Chicago in the fall of 1953. Paul joined the Army in the fall of 1954, during the Korean War, and was stationed at Beale Air Force Base in Yuma County, California.

Paul was honorably discharged from the Army in 1956 and returned to Northwest Iowa. He met his sweetheart Sheila Blum on a blind date in June 1958. Paul and Sheila were married on June 6, 1959, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Graettinger, Iowa. In the fall of 1959, Paul and Sheila moved to Spencer, Iowa, set up home, and proceeded to raise their five children: Colleen, Patrick, Carol, Brenda, and Myra. Paul worked as a tractor mechanic for International Harvester, later Case/IH, until his retirement, working on his beloved IH Farmall tractors. Paul's motto for young people was, ' Find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life." Paul said he never once dreaded going to work in the morning. After his retirement, farmers still called Paul to work on their older Farmall tractors, as he was the only mechanic who still knew how to fix them.

Paul's hobbies included motorcycles (of which he owned many), camping, hunting, fishing, and restoring antique Farmall tractors (he restored 8). Paul loved taking his Farmalls on tractor rides throughout the state, joined by his wife Sheila on her own IH Farmall tractor. He built an elaborate model railroad set-up in his basement, the Osgood and Crippin Railroad, complete with its own mountain. Paul had a notorious sweet tooth and loved wearing his crazy socks. He could be seen around town, walking or riding his bicycle, wearing his well-worn Osh Kosh overalls.

Paul, a lifelong Catholic, was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spencer, Iowa, for 66 years. In June of 2024, Paul and Sheila celebrated 65 years of marriage and Paul's 90th birthday with a rollicking party in Spencer, right before the Spencer flood. Besides being a beloved husband and father, Paul was grandpa to 8 grandsons and 8 great-grandchildren, who will miss him. Paul was preceded in death by his parents, 3 siblings, daughter Myra, and grandson Tony. Arrangements by Martin-Mattice Funeral Home

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### Caregivers Support Group

Lakes Area Caregivers Support Group is available for help dealing with the stress of being a caregiver to someone with Alzheimers or other dementia disorders.

This community caregivers group meets at 10:00 every Wednesday morning at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. This is an opportunity to discuss with other caregivers stories and concerns in a comfortable and confidential manner.

A typical meeting might include a presentation on topics such as handling of legal issues, stress reduction, care facilities, positive coping language, and sharing personal methods of handling challenges faced every day by other caregivers.

For more information, call 712-336-1649 or 712-330-1270.



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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Catholic Church in Milford. Visitation will begin at 5:00 PM, Tuesday, from 5:00- 7:00 PM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford. Interment will be at 10:00 AM, Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Calvary Cemetery

THE LAKES NEWS SHOPPER

Nancy Helen Meinen, 80, passed away on May 1st, 2025 at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake. Born in Sibley, Iowa, Nancy was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who has left a very lasting impression on all who knew her.



Growing up on a farm, Nancy went to St. Joseph's School in Ashton where she had many friends from high school that she and Tom stayed in touch with through the years. She became good friends with Donna Marczynski (Meinen), Tom's sister, and spent time at the Meinen house because it was quite the hangout with those eight siblings. Tom took Nancy to the Senior prom, and the rest is history. They were married on July 13, 1963, at St. Mary's Church in Ashton, and in their almost 62 years of marriage, they spent very few nights apart.

Tom and Nancy started their marriage by moving to several cities in those first years including Morehead, MN; Rapid City, SD; Omaha, NE; Bryant, TX; and Sioux Falls, SD. They finally settled in Sioux Falls and started their first business together at the Western Mall with Tom's brother, Bill. Next, Tom and Nancy opened their own store called The Extra Touch. They built quite a business by expanding to the "new" Empire Mall that opened on 41st Street. Eventually, they would have up to five stores in the mall in Sioux Falls, one in Fairmont, MN, one in Marshall, MN, a wholesale business, and three stores at the Emporium in Arnolds Park, IA. Tom and Nancy also helped friends and two of Tom's siblings start their own franchises, too. This was an endeavor that required great teamwork by the two of them. Traveling together to Minneapolis, New York, Los Angeles, Orlando and Las Vegas for markets provided a great opportunity to mix business and fun with family.

Naming their business The Extra Touch couldn't have been more fitting because it actually describes Nancy in many ways. She always did the "extra" things for her kids and grandkids, whether it was sending cards and making cookies for every single holiday, taking them to the movies/park/library, or attending and cheering at each and every activity that they were involved in. She also continued to accessorize her daily outfits each and every day, and her hair was never out of place. Nancy's standing hair appointments twice a week were very important to her. So much so that she kept one in the morning right before she went into the hospital last summer with several broken ribs -- had to look good in the hospital!

Nancy loved her time in Sioux Falls and the amazing friends that they met through their kids attending St. Mary's and O'Gorman High School. Tom and Nancy were very involved in helping get things organized for the O'G Booster Club and were always in the stands at the games helping to lead, "Let's Go Knights!". Playing cards with friends, softball tournaments, and New Year's Day parties were highlights of their time there.

Their last chapter took them to Okoboji, IA, where they continued to work at The Extra Touch stores at the Emporium until three years ago. Okoboji offered a whole new set of memories with fabulous friends from the Harbor, boat rides, live music at the Ritz and Captains, and dancing wherever there was a dance floor.

Nancy's immediate family that she is survived by are her husband, Tom Meinen; their three children, Julie Schultz and her husband, LaIllya (Sioux Falls, SD), Jeff Meinen and his wife, Twolia (Kihei, HI), and Michelle Katen and her husband, Mike (Sioux Falls, SD); three grandchildren, Cole Schultz, Blake Schultz, and Riley Katen and his fiancé, Katelyn Smith (all of Sioux Falls, SD).

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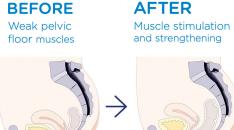
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1. HOW: Talk with your team about "how" you work, not only "what" you are working on. When you meet, certainly work on solving the immediate problems of the day, but also spend time talking about "how" you work and support each other.

**2. INTENT:** Assume good intentions from everyone as they bring up ideas. Ask your team to start with good intent in mind versus the tendency to go negative right away.

**3.COLLABORATION:** Have a goal to try to out-collaborate each other. Always think how you can help each other as you solve problems.

**4. CANDOR:** Don't hold "pocket vetos" as you leave the room. If you have an objection to a topic, make sure and bring it up in the room, not after the meeting. Lower the cost of candor on your team by being transparent with each other.

**5. HOMEWORK:** Do the homework necessary to succeed. Always come prepared. You owe this to everyone and to yourself. Make sure everyone does this on your team.

**6. LANGUAGE:** Use "we" language instead of "I" language as a leader. Constantly reinforce that you exist as a high-performance team, and in the most challenging of times, its "we" who are required to work together, not just a collection of independent individual efforts.

7. TIME: Spend time with each other. Visit customers, go to lunch, or find creative ways to get to know each other. As a leader, find ways for your team to gel by solving hard problems or rising up to meet the task at hand.

**8. INCENTIVES:** Be mindful about rewards, recognition, and incentives. If you incent individualism, you will grow more of this. If you reward teamwork and your metrics reflect team accomplishments, you will grow more teamwork.

9. TRUST: Build trust through accountability and follow-up on key commitments. Ensure there are good deliberations prior to making a decision. When decisions are made, follow-up and ensure things get done.

**10. INSPECT:** Every once in awhile stop and ask "What's Working?", "What's not working?". Allow everyone to have a voice in the conversation. Make changes, adapt, evolve.

By applying these tips you will be on your way to building a strong team that does amazing things in the world. Somewhere along the way, you will also evolve into the leader you were meant to be.

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Families can look forward to a hike through the wildlife area to visit some hands-on activity stations along the way. Stop at the Animal Tracks & Wildlife station to feel animal pelts and make track prints using rub plates and provided materials. Grab a magnifying glass and a shovel at the Dig & Explore station to uncover life beneath the surface. Venture to the Birding station to grab some binoculars and identify Iowa bird species using sight and sound.



"This event is a great way for families to connect outdoors while learning more about wildlife and natural habitats around them," said Amy Heibult, community relations coordinator of the Dickinson County Conservation Board. "Horseshoe Bend is a beautiful area where you can hike the trails along the river through woodlands and established acres of reconstructed prairie."

Register for free by visiting the Programs/Events tab at www. dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com before 5 PM on May 14. Follow the Dickinson County Conservation Board on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news and events.

### University of Iowa Steel Drum Band to Perform At ILCC - Free Event

The vibrant sounds of the Caribbean are coming to Iowa Lakes. The University of Iowa Steel Drum Band will perform a free public concert at Iowa Lakes Community College on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville Campus.

This energetic ensemble features a unique and colorful blend of rhythm, harmony, and culture. Audiences can expect an exciting performance of traditional island music, contemporary tunes, and jazz-infused arrangements — all brought to life through the joyful resonance of steel drums.

"We're thrilled to host the University of Iowa Steel Drum Band," said Iowa Lakes Performing Arts Center Coordinator Jessi Strom. "This concert is a great opportunity for our students, staff, and community to experience world-class music that's both fun and educational."

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- unsweetened mixed berries
- tablespoons cold butter
- cup packed brown sugar Confectioners' sugar and maple syrup (optional)

Whisk together the first 6 ingredients. Place bread cubes

in a 13 x 9-inch or 3-quart baking dish coated with cooking spray. Pour egg mixture over top. Refrigerate, covered, 8 hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 350° F. Remove berries from freezer and French toast from refrigerator and let stand



while oven heats. Bake French toast, covered, 30 minutes. In a small bowl, cut butter into brown sugar until crumbly. Top French toast with berries; sprinkle with brown sugar mixture. Bake, uncovered, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 15 to 20 minutes. If desired, dust with confectioners' sugar and serve with syrup.

Recipe Courtesy of: Taste of Home (tasteofhome.com)



### Iowa Lakes Students Make a Difference on Chicago Mission Trip

While many students spend spring break relaxing, a dedicated group from Iowa Lakes Community College's Laker Life campus ministry chose a different path—volunteering their time to serve those in need during a week-long mission trip to Chicago.

Throughout the week, students worked tirelessly to support underprivileged children and individuals experiencing homelessness. Each morning, they volunteered at Breakthrough Ministries, where they prepared and served meals, organized clothing for the women's boutique, and assisted with the Fresh Market, which provides fresh food to local residents in need.

In the afternoons, the group partnered with By The Hand, an after-school program serving children in Chicago's North Austin neighborhood. Iowa Lakes students mentored the children, helped with homework, played games, and shared positive messages through song, dance, and chapel lessons.

"I absolutely loved this trip. Working at Breakthrough Ministries and By The Hand created memories I will never forget," said Sydney Sickelka, a Graphic Design major from Primghar. "Each woman at the shelter had her own story. Seeing their gratitude and joy was incredible. I can't wait to go again next year."

"It was such a unique and amazing experience," added Jazmine Besaw, a Nursing major from Estherville. "This trip strengthened my faith and opened my eyes to the bigger picture of life. Hearing people's stories was truly impactful.'

Kaylyn Domek, an Associate in Arts major from Estherville, agreed. "The connections I built with the children were amazing. Helping them learn about life and faith was life-changing, and leaving them was so hard."

Photo Caption: Iowa Lakes Community College students from the Laker Life campus ministry stand outside the Breakthrough shelters in Chicago. Pictured left to right: Kim Martinez, Spirit Lake; Noah Riederer, Springfield, MN; Sydney Sickelka, Primghar; Kaylyn Domek, Estherville; Kyle McKenna, Bode; Emilee Guinn, Cherokee; Rubin Charles, Morne Pignon, Nord, Haiti; Antonio Daniels, Chicago; Adrienne McKenna, Bode; Riley Sorenson, Spirit Lake; Jazmine Besaw, Estherville; Lauren Basilio, Jackson, MN; and Elijah Kaiser, Garrison. Not pictured: Brett Fuelberth, Spirit Lake.

For more information on the Laker Life campus ministry, please contact Brett Fuelberth at 712-362-7963.





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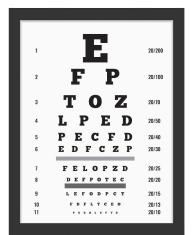


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Creek Reservation – a fictional name for the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Frykholm bases her novel on historical letters by former students and survivors of abuse at St. Francis Mission School.

Father Joe discovers Bear, the nickname of the foundling baby boy, and turns him over to Alice, a trusted Native woman. Bear's

parentage seems no huge issue, until he is charged with stabbing a man who brutally beats Jackie, Alice's daughter. That incident heightens the significance of Bear's identity. If he's Native, he'll face tribal court. If not, he'll face trial as an adult in federal court since tribal court has no jurisdiction over non-Native people.

As Father Joe searches past records of the shuttered school, he discovers cover-ups of sexual abuse leading to the highest levels. He finally finds a clue that takes him to Bear's mother, Sally, a Native woman struggling with homelessness along with her daughter, Rowena.

Even though Sally can't identify Bear's father to the judge who will determine the boy's fate, we have strong hints of Bear's paternity – and the possibility is beyond shocking. As Father Joe tells his friend Veronica, with whom he nearly entered a romantic relationship as he was considering the priesthood, "But what if, what if the church is the sinner? To whom can it confess? Who can absolve?'

Frykholm's description of reservation life and the struggle Native people endure is spot-on. Perhaps, though, Alice's comments to Father Joe say it best. "Our life is rooted in the land. We are the land. The land is us.

So as long as the land endures, we endure. And maybe, maybe our way, which is the stronger, will win out, and everyone will know it and will live by the way of the land." Father Joe's inner struggle with his feelings for Veronica

is skillfully woven throughout the story. As they decide upon major life changes, new possibilities open, possibilities neither of them had ever considered.

(Michael Tidemann writes from Estherville, Iowa. His recent novel, Coteau, based in the Coteau Hills of northeastern South Dakota, is available through bookstores and on Amazon.)

## Online Learning at Iowa Lakes Gives Students the Flexibility to Balance Work, Life, and School

Iowa Lakes Community College helps students balance work, family, and education through flexible online and distance learning programs. Flexibility is one of the most significant benefits of online learning, allowing students to complete coursework at times that work best for them alongside other commitments.

Mallory Nelson, a current student in the Paralegal Program, is one example of how online learning has helped students succeed through flexible options.

"I chose online learning because it offered the flexibility I needed to balance my education with my busy life," Nelson said. "With three kids, a full-time job, and a wedding just two months after classes started, time management was a major challenge. Online learning allowed me to study on my own schedule—whether that meant completing assignments late at night or during breaks at work. It gave me the opportunity to further my education without sacrificing time with my family or job."

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"The flexibility and support from instructors have been incredibly beneficial," Nelson said. "The coursework is wellstructured, which helps me stay organized and manage deadlines effectively. Having these tools in place has made my online learning experience smooth and manageable."

For Nelson, online learning at Iowa Lakes has already significantly impacted her professional journey. Working as a legal assistant has allowed her to apply what she has learned in the Paralegal Program to real-world situations.

"Working as a legal assistant has given me the perfect opportunity to apply what I've learned in the Paralegal Program," Nelson said. "The coursework has deepened my understanding of legal procedures, research, and documentation, which I use daily in my job. Everything I'm learning directly supports my career growth, and I know it will continue to benefit me as I advance in the legal field."

Nelson recently earned a spot on the President's List for a 4.0 GPA, a milestone that reflects her hard work and dedication to her education. "Every completed course, every assignment submitted on time, and every new skill learned is a personal victory, proving that I can handle whatever comes my way," she said.

For those considering online learning but feeling unsure about making the leap, Nelson encourages them to stay organized, manage their time wisely, and be patient with themselves.

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May is School Board Recognition Month, a time to honor the dedicated individuals who serve as a guiding light for student success in Iowa's public schools. Sponsored by the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), this month-long celebration recognizes the vital role that school board members play in shaping education and supporting students.

The Okoboji School District proudly celebrates the hard work and leadership of our school board members. In partnership with families, educators, and the community, they ensure that our schools provide high-quality education and opportunities for every student.

"School board members make a profound impact on students' lives by setting the vision and direction for our district," said Superintendent Abrahamson. "They dedicate countless hours to meetings, policy development, community engagement, and advocacy—all to ensure students have the resources and support they need to succeed."

The Okoboji School Board plays a crucial role in overseeing the budget, establishing policies, promoting a positive school culture, and making decisions that impact the entire community. Each year, board members reaffirm their commitment to guiding our schools forward—developing the next generation of teachers, doctors, business leaders, and even future school board members.

"Our board keeps the district focused on providing equitable, high-quality education for all students," said Superintendent Abrahamson. "They serve 1,200 students and 225 employees and manage an annual budget of \$36M."

To show our appreciation, the Okoboji School District will recognize our board members at the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. We invite media representatives, parents, and community members to join us in celebrating their contributions.



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